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*RHODOCOCCUS* CLONING AND EXPRESSION VECTORSABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A plasmid has been isolated from *Rhodococcus erythropolis* strain AN12 comprising a unique replication protein. The replication protein may be used in a variety of cloning and expression vectors and particularly in shuttle vectors for the expression of heterologous genes in *Rhodococcus sp.*

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